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**Former Oak Creek Resident Sentenced to Ten Years Imprisonment for
Using a Computer to Entice a Minor into Unlawful Sexual Activity**

United States Attorney James L. Santelle announced today that Harry J. Janikowski, 63, formerly of Oak Creek, Wisconsin, was sentenced in federal district court to ten years in prison for the crime of using a computer to entice a minor into unlawful sexual conduct. Chief Judge Charles N. Clevert also sentenced Janikowski to a lifetime of supervised release and ordered Janikowski to register as a sex offender upon his release from prison.

Janikowski was arrested in September of 2009, after he arrived at the Brookfield Square shopping mall, hoping to meet and have sex with a fourteen-year old boy named "Peter." The attempted rendezvous with "Peter" had been arranged over the Internet during extensive, sexually-graphic computer chats between Janikowski and "Peter," an undercover law enforcement officer posing as a fourteen-year old boy.

Chief Judge Clevert described the offense as a serious one, "with far-reaching implications." Noting Janikowski's past history of sexually abusing children, Chief Judge Clevert observed that, if "Peter" had been a real child, "another life would have been scarred tremendously." Chief Judge Clevert also stated that a sentence of at least ten years was necessary, in part, to make clear to others who might be inclined to prey on children that their punishment "will be great."

Janikowski pleaded guilty to the offense in December of last year. Pursuant to his written plea agreement, the parties jointly recommended a ten-year sentence.

According to United States Attorney James L. Santelle, "the Department of Justice has made the protection of our nation's children a top priority through Project Safe Childhood, and prosecutions such as this further this priority."

The investigation of Janikowski was conducted by the Wisconsin Department of Justice, with assistance from the Department of Homeland Security, Immigration and Customs Enforcement.

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